

HOUSE No. 572

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>

<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 572) of John W. Scibak and others relative to insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 944 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
2 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

3 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission, coverage for treatment of
5 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and
6 pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited
7 to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
9 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 47DD the following section:-

10 Section 47EE. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,
11 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for treatment of pediatric
12 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric
13 acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the
14 use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
16 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8EE the following section:-

17 Section 8FF. Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation under an individual or
18 group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide
19 coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
20 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment
21 shall include, but not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
23 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4FF the following section:-

24 Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
25 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for
26 treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
27 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but
28 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts
30 of 2014, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4X the following section:-

31 Section 4Y. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage
32 for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal
33 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome. Said treatment shall include, but
34 not be limited to, the use of Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy.